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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09STATE4134	2009-01-15 16:35	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Secretary of State

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E.o. 12958: decl: 01/15/2034
Tags: mtrc, parm, prel, ettc, mnuc, tspa, sp, sy
Subject: spanish metal merchant supplies syrian entities
of proliferation concern (s)

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS
1.4 (b), (c), and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Madrid
please see paragraph 4.

[1](#)2. (S) Background: The U.S. has information indicating that since at least 2003, the Spanish firm Aceros IMS has maintained a business relationship with the Syrian firms xxxxxxxxxxxx - firms we believe could be acting on behalf of the Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC), the entity responsible for overseeing Syria's WMD and missile programs. Aceros has been involved with xxxxxxxxxxxx, and xxxxxxxxxxxx in negotiations for the supply of a variety of steels and aluminum alloys, xxxxxxxxxxxx. Both of these materials can be used in structural support components in ballistic missiles and in some forms are controlled by the Nuclear Suppliers Group and Wassenaar Arrangement. xxxxxxxxxxxx, Aceros supplied xxxxxxxxxxxx with over two metric tons of aluminum and steel. This consignment was shipped from the Spanish port of Castillon to Lattakia, Syria aboard the M/V Fast Independence.

[1](#)3. (S) Objectives: We want to share this information with Spanish officials and urge them to take all appropriate measures to ensure that Aceros is not acting as a supplier to Syrian entities of proliferation concern. We also want to advise the GOS that sanctions pursuant to U.S. law could be imposed on Aceros if the firm is found to have supplied Syria with regime-controlled items.

[1](#)4. (U) Action Request: Request Embassy Madrid approach appropriate Spanish government officials to deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 5 below and report response. Talking points also may be provided as a non-paper.

[1](#)5. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

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-- We would like to raise with you a matter of proliferation concern and request your government's assistance in investigating this activity.

-- We have information indicating that the Spanish firm Aceros IMS has, since at least 2003, maintained a business relationship with several Syrian entities that have sought materials that may be diverted to Syria's weapons development programs, possibly via the Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC).

-- As you will recall from Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Information Exchange meetings, the SSRC is the agency responsible for overseeing Syria's WMD and missile programs.

-- Aceros has been involved in negotiations for the supply of a variety of steels and aluminum alloys with the following companies: xxxxxxxxxxxx

-- We do not know the quantity of material supplied by Aceros to Syria, but believe that at least some of it was specifically intended for use in Syria's ballistic missile program.

-- Among the materials Aceros and the companies were discussing werexxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Both of these materials are suitable for use in structural components in ballistic missiles and in some forms are controlled by the Nuclear Suppliers Group and Wassenaar Arrangement.

-- In addition, as recently as early November 2008, Aceros shipped a consignment of over two metric tons of aluminum and steel aboard the M/V Fast Independence from Castillon, Spain, for eventual discharge in Lattakia, Syria, where the end-user was xxxxxxxxxxxx

-- We encourage you to investigate this information and take appropriate measures to ensure that Aceros is not acting as a source of supply to Syria's weapons development programs.

-- We also want to advise you that sanctions pursuant to the U.S. Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act could be imposed on Aceros if the firm is found to have supplied Syria with regime-controlled materials.

-- We appreciate your cooperation on nonproliferation matters and look forward to hearing the results of your investigation.

End talking points/nonpaper.

16. xxxxxxxxxxxx

17. (U) A word version of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.
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